

DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGOROUS CURRICULUM DESIGN UNIT PLANNING ORGANIZER

Subject(s)	English Language Arts
Grade and Course	6 th Grade
Unit of Study	Unit 1: Coming of Age
Pacing	Timeframe: 9 weeks





"Unwrapped" Priority Georgia Standards of Excellence Skills and Concepts

ELAGSE6RL9 – COMPARE and CONTRAST <u>texts in different forms or genres</u> (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their <u>approaches to similar themes and topics</u>.

ELAGSE6RI9 – COMPARE and CONTRAST <u>one author's presentation of events with that of another</u> (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).

ELAGSE6W3 – WRITE <u>narratives</u> to DEVELOP <u>real or imagined experiences or events</u> USING <u>effective technique</u>, <u>relevant descriptive details</u>, <u>and well-structured event sequences</u>. **Element b** – USE <u>narrative techniques</u>, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to DEVELOP <u>experiences</u>, <u>events</u>, <u>and/or characters</u>.





"Unwrapped" Priority Standards			
"Unwrapped" Concepts (Students Need to Know)	"Unwrapped" Skills (Students Need to Be Able to Do)	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	DOK (For Overall Standard)
ELAGSE6RL9			
textsgenresapproachesthemestopics	Compare and Contrast	• 4 (Analyze)	2 (Skills and Concepts)
ELAGSE6RI9 • events	 Compare and Contrast 	4 (Analyze)	2 (Skills and Concepts)
 ELAGSE6W3 narratives experiences/events techniques details structured sequences techniques dialogue characters 	WriteDevelopUse	• 3 (Apply)	3 (Strategic Thinking/Reasoning)



Supporting Standards



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ELAGSE6RL1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

ELAGSE6RL2: Determine a theme and/or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

ELAGSE6RL3: Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves towards a resolution.

ELAGSE6RL4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

ELAGSE6W3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

- a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
- c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
- d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
- e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

ELAGSE6SL1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

- a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

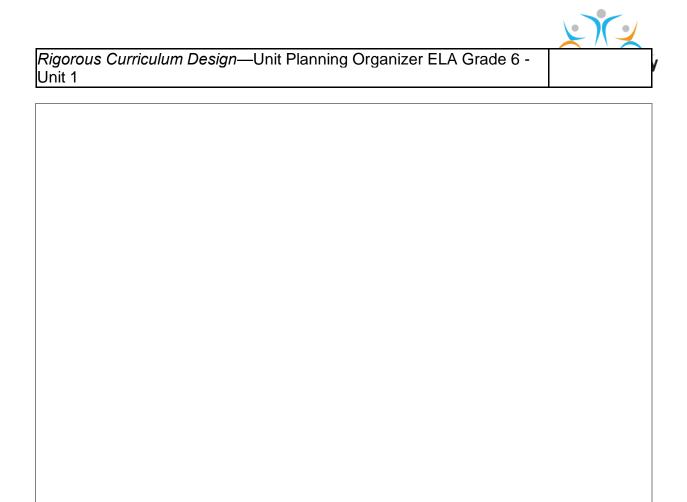
ELAGSE6SL6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 6 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)

ELAGSE6L4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 6 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

- a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

ELAGSE6L5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings

- a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.
- c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *stingy*, *scrimping*, *economical*, *wasteful*, *thrifty*).





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ELA Overarching Standards

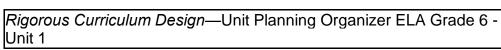
ELAGSE6RL10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

ELAGSE6RI10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

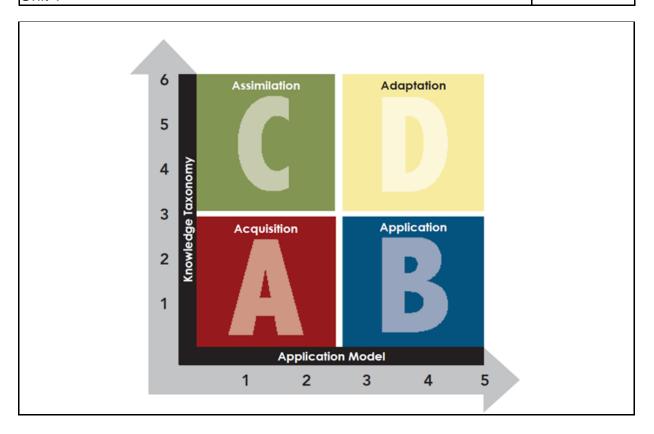
ELAGSE6W10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Essential Questions	Corresponding Big Ideas
 Why do good readers analyze and synthesize literary elements in a variety of texts? How do readers determine the theme of any text? 	Good readers analyze and synthesize literary elements in order to come to a deeper understanding of different texts.
	•Good readers analyze and synthesize literary elements in order to determine the theme.
,	Good readers analyze texts from different authors to understand similar ideas from different perspectives.
	Good writers create real or imagined narratives using a variety of literary elements such as plot development, characterization, description, setting, theme, dialogue, figurative language, etc.









Unit Assessments

Pre-Assessment	Post-Assessment
Student Version:	Student Version:
6_ELA_Unit1_Preassessment_Student	DeKalb Benchmark Assessment
Teacher Version:	Teacher Version:
6_ELA_Unit1_Preassessment_Teacher	DeKalb Benchmark Assessment



Scoring Guide

Advanced (4)	Proficient (3)	Progressing (2)	Needs More Practice (1)
responded correctly to 7+ out of 8 multiple choice questions responded accurately to both short answer questions and included evidence. responded accurately to both constructed response questions and included evidence.	responded correctly to 6 out of 8 multiple choice questions and responded accurately to at least 1 short answer question with evidence. responded accurately to at least 1 constructed response question with evidence.	responded correctly to 5 multiple choice questions and responded accurately to 1 or 0 short answer questions with limited evidence. responded accurately to 1 or 0 constructed response questions with limited evidence.	responded correctly to 5 or fewer multiple choice questions and did not have sufficient responses or support for short answer or constructed response questions.

Performance Assessment

Engaging Scenario

Disney's Pixar Studios has commissioned our class to develop their next big blockbuster movie. Your task is to create a narrative that uses various literary elements that speaks to a social theme relevant in today's society that can be developed into a feature film.





Performance Task Synopses

Teachers: This unit performance task is created to be engaging, meaningful and lends itself toward differentiation. Decide this based on your class's ability and resources at your site.

Students should have opportunities throughout the unit to engage in independent reading within their Lexile range. In addition, students should be exposed to and interact with text within or above the grade level text complexity band.

Task 1: RL9; RL1; RL2; RL3; RI9; L4a; L5a, c - Select two previously read literary texts that relate to the same social theme. Compare and contrast the development of the theme in both texts.

Task 2: W3 a,b,c,d,e - Write a narrative that reflects a relevant social theme. Be sure to use a variety of literary elements.

Task 3: RL3, W3c - Develop a storyboard for your narrative.

Task 4: SL6 - Create a presentation that illustrates how your narrative uses a variety of literary elements, speaks to a relevant social theme, and can be developed into a feature film. Present it to the class.

Performance Task 1 In Detail

Task 1 Student Directions: Select two literary texts that focus on the same social theme. Identify and describe how the theme is developed in each text through characterization, setting, plot (conflict) and symbolism. Compare and contrast this development using a graphic organizer.

Task 1 Teacher Notes: For this assignment, students will revisit texts that you have already read during this unit, or you may choose two new texts for students to use. You may choose to differentiate the selection of the graphic organizer based on student needs. The purpose is to assess student understanding of the development of the theme throughout literary texts. Note that standard RI9 is included in the unit and in this task because memoir and biography are appropriate for use.

RL9; RL1; RL2; RL3; RI9; L4a; L5a, c

Note: Remember to develop the "proficient" level of each scoring guide first. Base the other levels off the "proficient" level as in the sample below.

Performance Task 1 Scoring Guide			
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic



All "3" criteria plus: o student cites textual evidence to explain inferences drawn for each literary element Students will: o select two texts with a shared theme ldentify and explain how each element (characterization, setting, plot, symbolism) connects to the themes in each text o use a graphic organizer to compare and contrast	Meets _2 of the "3" criteria	Meets fewer than _2 of the "3" criteria
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Performance Task 2 In Detail

Task 2 Student Directions: Using literary elements (characterization, plot, conflict, setting, figurative language, dialogue, etc.) taught throughout the unit, create a narrative that develops a specific social theme. Narratives must be engaging and entertaining (see detail below). Narratives should be at least 500 in length (approximately 2 double-spaced, type-written pages).

Engaging- Use dialogue, sensory details, imagery, consistent point of view. Entertaining- Use character development, dialogue, details

Task 2 Teacher Notes: For this assignment, students will write a narrative. You will want to review the steps to the writing process as well as narrative writing elements. Keep in mind that the writing process is recursive in nature, and that not every student will be on the same step at the same time. The purpose of the narrative is to use literary elements to develop a social theme or multiple themes.

W3 a,b,c,d,e

	Performance Task 2 Scoring Guide			
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic	
All "3" criteria plus one or more of below: o additional literary elements o multiple developed themes o Narrative is types	Students will include: A written narrative that incorporates at least 6 literary elements A narrative with a specific social theme A narrative that is engaging and entertaining A narrative that is at least 2-3 pages	Meets _3 of the "3" criteria	Meets fewer than _3 of the "3" criteria	





Performance Task 3 In Detail

Task 3 Student Directions: Develop an 8-frame storyboard/comic strip for your narrative. Be sure to include all of the story elements (character, setting, plot [5 elements - exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution], conflict, theme).

Task 3 Teacher Notes: Teacher will model creating an 8-frame storyboard which includes all of the story elements using a teacher-selected mentor text. Consider including evidence of symbolism. Tell your students that although filmmakers use all these different elements to tell stories, in this lesson, they will focus on how filmmakers use pictures to tell stories. Ask them where they think the word movie comes from. Tell them in short that it comes from the phrase "moving pictures". Teachers should show students clips from a movie (suggested film: *Willie Wonka* or *Lion King* opening scenes, etc.). Remember that the purpose of this task is to help students identify and incorporate narrative elements into their narrative. The quality or detail of illustrations should not be considered in scoring.

RL3, W3c

Performance Task 3 Scoring Guide			
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic
All "3" criteria <i>plus</i> one or more of below: o evidence of symbolism o evidence of multiple themes	Students will include: 8-frame storyboard/comic strip illustration(s) that identifies the setting illustration(s) that identifies the characters evidence of the 5 elements of plot evidence of conflict evidence of theme	Meets _5_ of the "3" criteria	Meets fewer than _5 of the "3" criteria



Performance Task 4 In Detail

Task 4 Student Directions: Students will now use their narrative created in Task 2 and their storyboard/comic strip created in Task 3 to help them prepare a presentation.

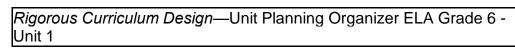
- Presentation Guidelines:
- Time 3-5 minutes
- Summarize the plot of your narrative in detail (beginning, middle, climax, ending)
- Explain your theme and its relevance to society.
- Describe how your narrative can be adapted to film (using images from your storyboard/comic strip).
- Visual aids are used to engage audience
- Presentation is easy to hear and understand; good eye contact and gestures

Task 4 Teacher Notes: Students will not be able to complete this task if they have not completed Tasks 2 and 3 proficiently. Those tasks will need to be revised with scaffolding and support until students reach a proficient rating before moving on to this task.

SL6

	Performance Tasl	k 4 Scoring Guide	
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic
All "3" criteria plus: Time 3-5 minutes AND Presentation includes a multi-media product (such as an animation of narrative) OR Student creates a 3-D visual aid (such as a costume) OR Audience participation is included	Students will include: A summarized plot in detail (beginning, middle, climax, ending) Explanation of the theme and its relevance to society Description of how narrative can be adapted to film format Visual aids that assist with audience engagement A presentation that is easy to hear; good eye contact and gestures	Meets _4 of the "3" criteria	Meets fewer than _4 of the "3" criteria

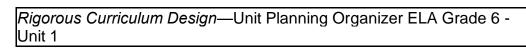






Instructional Strategies

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Research-Based Effective Teaching Strategies	21st Century Learning Skills		
Learning Objectives (posted and referenced)	Teamwork and Collaboration		
Identifying Similarities and Differences	☐ Initiative and Leadership		
☐ Summarizing and Note Taking	Curiosity and Imagination		
Reinforcing Effort, Providing Recognition	Innovation and Creativity		
Homework and Practice	Critical thinking and Problem Solving		
Nonlinguistic Representations	☐ Flexibility and Adaptability		
Cooperative Learning	Effective Oral and Written Communication		
Purposeful small group instruction	Accessing and Analyzing Information		
☐ Increased think time	☐ Other		
Setting Objectives, Providing Feedback			
Check for Understanding			
Generating and Testing Hypotheses			
Cues, Questions, and Advance Organizers			
☐ Interdisciplinary Non-Fiction Writing			





Intervention Strategies

Intervention Strategies (Tiers 1, 2, 3) Additional Supports in Classroom	Specially Designed Instruction for Special Education Students	Strategies for English Language Learners
Re-voicing	Conferencing	☐ Visuals/Realia
☐ Explaining	Additional time	☐ Front-loading
Prompting for participation	☐ Small group collaboration	Echoing/Choral response
Challenging or countering	Modify quantity of work	Color-coding
Asking "Why?" "How?"	☐ Take student's dictation	Multiple exposures in different
Reread	Scaffold information	media
Practice new academic vocab.	Differentiated content process	Pair-share
Assistive technology	or product	✓ Modeling
Pre-teach & re-teach in a different way	Consistent reward system Refer to students' IEP or 504	Language scaffolds: eg, sentence frames
Repetition	plan	Deconstruct complex sentences and texts
Use of manipulatives	Assistive technology	L1 support
Collaborative work		increased opportunities for
Direct/explicit instruction		student-student talk
Ghunking"		Strategic vocabulary
Accommodating different learning styles		instruction Additional think time
Create differentiated text sets		
Providing additional guided practice		





Strategies for Gifted Learners				
Tier 1: Low Preparation	Tier 2: Medium Preparation			
Flexible-Learning Groups by Readiness, Interest, Learning Profiles	Gifted Education Cluster Classes			
Choice of Books	Gifted Education Collaboration Classes			
Homework Options	☐ Tiered Activities and Products			
Use of Reading Buddies	☐ Use of Literature Clubs			
☐ Various Journal Prompts	☐ Multiple Testing Options			
Student/Teacher Goal Setting	☐ Multiple Texts			
☐ Varied Pacing with Anchor Options	☐ Alternative Assessments			
☐ Work Alone or Together	☐ Subject Advancement within class			
Flexible Seating	Curriculum Compacting			
☐ Varied Scaffolding	☐ Tiered Centers			
☐ Varied Computer Programs	☐ Spelling by Readiness			
☐ Design-A-DAY	☐ Varying Organizers			
☐ Varied Supplemental Materials	Community Mentorships			
Computer Mentors	Stations			
Think-Pair-Share by Readiness, Interest, Learning Profiles	Group Investigations			
Open-ended Activities	☐ Students are Assessed in Multiple Ways			
Explorations by Interest	☐ Student choice in selecting learning activities.			
Options for Competition	Simulations			
Tier 3: High	Tier 4: Advanced/Autonomous			
Advanced Content English/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies courses	Above grade level accelerated English/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies courses			
Resource Classes	Advanced Placement Classes			
☐ Independent/Directed Study	☐ International Baccalaureate Classes			
☐ Socratic Seminars	☐ Internship/Mentorships			
	☐ Whole Grade Acceleration			



Instructional Resources and Materials

Suggested Resources	Suggested Technology Resources
McDougal Littell Literature Teacher's Edition/ Student Edition textbook	Web resources for Story Elements/Structure
"All Summer in a Day" (p.64 of text)	http://www.ereadingworksheets.com/free-reading- worksheets/story-structure/story-structure- worksheets/
"Eleven" (p.184 of text)	Text Complexity Bands and Lexile Bands:
"Tuesday of the Other June" (p. 206 of text)	https://lexile.com/using-lexile/lexile-measures-and-the-ccssi/text-complexity-grade-bands-and-lexile-
"Primer" (p.218 of text)	ranges/
"Scout's Honor" (p. 350 of text)	Web resources for Graphic Organizers:
"Same Song" (p. 392 of text)	http://www.enchantedlearning.com/graphicorganizers/compareandcontrast/
• "Without Commercials" (p.394 of text)	http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-
CommonLit: https://www.commonlit.org can be searched by theme and Lexile.	resources/student-interactives/compare-contrast- 30066.html
Vocabulary instruction (teacher resources):	www.educationoasis.com
http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational- leadership/sept09/vol67/num01/Six-Steps-to-Better-	http://www.scholastic.com
Vocabulary-Instruction.aspx	Writing Process:
http://www.commlearnonline.com/files/Classroom- Tip-4-Marzano-Vocabulary-Game.pdf	http://bowenpeters.weebly.com/uploads/8/1/1/9/811 9969/writing_process_detailed.pdf
	https://www.ttms.org/PDFs/04%20Writing%20Process%20v001%20(Full).pdf
	Web resources for Storyboard Generator/Template:
	http://generator.acmi.net.au/storyboard
	https://www.storyboardthat.com/storyboard-creator
	http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/te mplate_strybrd_8panels.doc
	http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/asset/file/storyboardtemplate.pdf





Unit Vocabulary

Unit Vocabulary Terms		Interdisciplinary Connections
Academic / Tier 2	Unit-Specific / Domain / Tier 3	
textual evidence explicit analyze/analysis summary argument claim reasons evidence credible sources multiple-meaning words/phrases thesaurus dictionary glossary compare and contrast	 narrative character setting plot symbolism dialogue figurative language conflict pronouns antecedents drama poem memoir biography compare and contrast style tone drama poem etone contrast style tone cone drama poem point of view inference central idea theme concluding statement 	It would be possible to include texts on social themes/issues related to the social studies, health, or science content area.

Weekly Planner

Course: ELA Grade 6 Unit: 1-Coming of Age

Pacing	Priority (in bold) and Supporting Standards	Engaging Learning Experiences	Core Instruction (in bold) and additional resources	Formative Assessments
Week 1	RI9 RL1	 Create plot diagram Complete character analysis Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher 		 Pre-Assessment Plot diagram Graphic organizer
Week 2	RL9 RI9 RL1 RL2 RL3	 Inference Chart Make predictions Draw conclusions Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher 	Model making inferences Use different texts Explain different types of inferences	Graphic organizers
Week 3	RI9 RL1 RL2 RL3	 Find the theme activities Identify symbols Draw conclusions Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher 	Teach • Theme development • Common theme • Symbolism	Graphic organizers Literary Elements Comprehension Quiz
Week 4	SL1a,c W3	 Create dialogue based on the story analyze dialogue Independent reading Exposure and interaction with grade level text or higher 	Teach Narrative Writing with focus on dialogue plot advancement through dialogue using modeling and mentor texts.	graphic organizers



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Week 5	I .	 Interpret figurative language and word choice in variety of texts (poetry and short stories) Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher Review the rubric for the performance task Develop the plot Task 2: Students begin writing narratives 	Teach: • Figurative Language using poetry & short stories • Connotation/Denotati on • Words with multiple meanings • Narrative Writing Process using modeling • Theme development • Comparing texts	 Graphic organizers Question & Answer Exit Ticket Interactive Word Wall Writing conferences Draft checks
Week 6	RL9 RI9 RL2 RL3 SL1a,c L4a, d L5a, c	Work in groups or pairs to determine the theme's development by analyzing the character, setting, plot and symbolism of both texts Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher Review Engaging Scenario Task 1: Students compare and contrast two literary texts	Review literary elements Model compare and contrasting strategies	Graphic Organizer Final Draft Task 2 Scoring Guide

Pacing	Priority (in bold) and Supporting Standards	Engaging Learning Experiences	Core Instruction (in bold) and additional resources	Formative Assessments
Week 7	RL9 RI9 RL3 RL1 SL1a,c W3	narratives • Students revise & edit narratives • Identify plot elements from narrative • Identify images that represent plot elements	 Teach Narrative Writing using modeling and mentor texts Model creating 8-frame storyboard that includes all story elements Use short stories from ML text Storytelling through pictures 	 Student Narrative Task 2 Scoring Guide Story Board Task 3 Scoring Guide
Week 8	RL9 RI9 RL3 RL1 SL1a,c W3	Summarize plot in detail and describe how narrative adapts to film and Task 4: Students will create presentation	Presentation skills	•Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) •Task 4 scoring guide
Week 9	RL9 RI9 RL3 RL1 SL1a,c W3	Present narratives and visual presentation to the class	Assess using presentation rubric	Presentation Post-assessment

